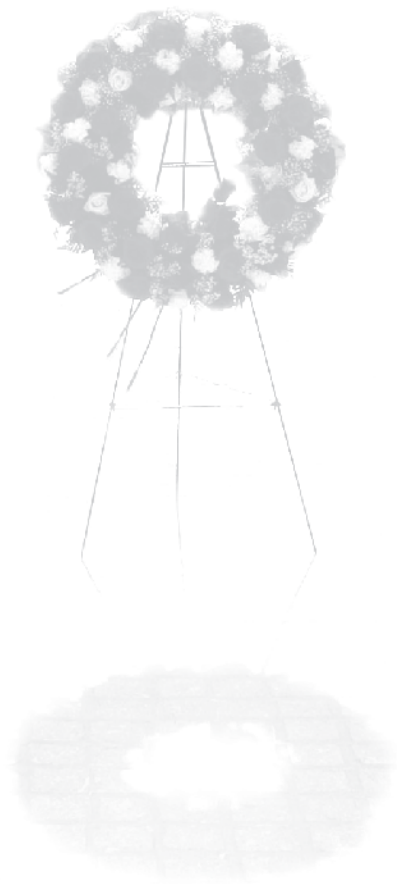

Each year we have the solemn privilege of honoring those who have given their lives in the service of our country. May their acts of courage, patriotism, and selflessness in the face of danger serve as examples to future generations who protect our homeland and its citizens.

— Commissioner W. Ralph Basham, U.S. Customs and Border Protection



Every day, without fanfare or special praise, U.S. Customs and Border Protection officers, Border Patrol agents, Air and Marine interdiction agents and agriculture specialists serve and protect our nation. These brave law enforcement officers exemplify the core values of CBP—vigilance, service to country, and integrity—and the very best of America.

They are comrades in arms and sentinels at the boundary to freedom.
These men and women of U.S. Customs and Border Protection put national security above their own safety and survival.

The U.S. Customs and Border Protection Valor Memorial honors the dedication and sacrifice of those who have lost their lives in the line of duty. These individuals are united in death, as in life, by the oath they swore to defend the Constitution of the United States and protect our nation against all enemies.

CBP's proud history stretches back to the founding of our nation, where more than two centuries ago, our ancestors struggled against outside forces for the survival of our infant nation. They paid for our independence with their lives. Today's CBP officers and agents carry on that fight, at great personal risk, to protect and preserve the democratic ideals that established this nation.

May all who visit this memorial—now and in generations to come—know that the individuals whose names are etched on its surface were men and women of extraordinary valor whose commitment to public service made a difference in the life of this nation. Please honor their memory by taking time to read their names, reflect on their courage, and remember their sacrifice.



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Valor Memorial



May 13, 2008

VIGILANCE ★ SERVICE ★ INTEGRITY

Those We Honor

Border Patrol Agent Ramon Nevarez, Jr. 1983–2007 and Border Patrol Agent David J. Tourscher 1982–2007

Agents Ramon Nevarez, Jr. and David J. Tourscher died in the line of duty as a result of injuries sustained in a single-car accident on March 13, 2007, near Cotton City, New Mexico. Both agents were assigned to the Lordsburg, New Mexico Border Patrol Station.



Agent Nevarez entered on duty as a Border Patrol agent on August 15, 2005, and was a graduate of Border Patrol Academy class #598. He is survived by his wife, mother, sister, and brother.



Agent Tourscher entered on duty as a Border Patrol agent on June 26, 2006, and graduated from the Border Patrol Academy with class #625. He is survived by his father and mother.

Air Interdiction Agent Clint B. Thrasher 1975–2007

Air Interdiction Agent Clint Brady Thrasher of the McAllen Air Unit in Rio Grande Valley Sector, McAllen, Texas was killed on April 25, 2007 when his Cessna 182 crashed while providing air support to Border Patrol agents conducting ground operations.



Agent Thrasher graduated with Class 342 of the Border Patrol Academy and began his federal career as a Border Patrol agent in Rio Grande City, Texas in 1997. He joined CBP Air and Marine in 2003 as a pilot and was stationed at the Caribbean Air Branch in Aguadilla, Puerto Rico. He transferred to McAllen in August of 2006. Agent Clint Thrasher is survived by his wife, two daughters, and his parents.

Senior Patrol Agent Richard Goldstein 1969–2007

Senior Patrol Agent Richard Goldstein, of the Indio, California Border Patrol Station was killed on May 11, 2007. It is suspected that he died while rescuing his canine partner, Carlo, from the Coachella Canal near Niland, California. Agent Goldstein was reported missing after his vehicle was found idling along the canal bank. His service K-9 was sitting by the vehicle and Agent Goldstein was found in the canal a short time later.



Richard Goldstein was a member of Class #503 of the Border Patrol Academy and began his career on March 25, 2002. Agent Goldstein is survived by his wife, two step-sons, and one granddaughter.

Air Interdiction Agent Robert Smith 1960–2007

On May 22, 2007, Air Interdiction Agent Robert Smith died when the helicopter he was flying crashed in San Elizario, Texas. Agent Smith was assisting CBP Border Patrol agents in arresting three illegal immigrants.



Robert Smith began his career in 1991 with the U.S. Customs Service, and was serving at the El Paso Air Branch. He is survived by his wife, two stepchildren, and his parents.

Border Patrol Agent Eric N. Cabral 1976–2007

Border Patrol Agent Eric Cabral of the Boulevard Border Patrol Station died on July 26, 2007. He suffered a cardiac arrest due to complications from a heat-related illness. Agent Cabral and his partner were tracking a group of illegal aliens near Jacumba, California when they separated. They lost radio contact and another agent found Agent Cabral unconscious. Although CPR was administered and emergency medical services were rendered, Agent Cabral died at the hospital in San Diego.



Eric Cabral entered on duty with the Border Patrol, on September 29, 2005. He was a member of Class #601 of the Border Patrol Academy. Agent Cabral is survived by his parents and three sisters.

Air Interdiction Agent Julio E. Baray 1967–2007

On Monday, September 24, 2007, Air Interdiction Agent Julio E. Baray was killed and another Air Interdiction Agent was injured when their small plane, a Cessna 210, crashed 30 miles east of Albuquerque International Airport.



Agent Baray was taking pilot training, practicing take-offs and landings. Investigators are not sure what caused the plane to crash.

Julio Baray began his career in 1998 with U.S. Border Patrol class #388. At the time of the accident he was serving as an Air Interdiction agent trainee at the El Paso Air Branch. He is survived by his wife and their two children.

U.S. CUSTOMS

J.M. Anderson 1863

Louis E. Babcock 1931

George M. Bacon 1955

Joseph Baker 1932

Renault R. Bayhi 1975

Arthur M. Beaman 1929

Peter H. Bima 1947

Charles J. Bokinskie 1974

Ralph B. Bowden 1932

Clyde M. Bristow 1932

Joseph T. Brown 1940

James A. Buczel 1988

Herff A. Carnes 1932

Frank Chapman 1908

Anthony Cozza 1945

David L. Crater 1987

Lloyd P. Criss 1924

Stephen S. Dawson 1928

David E. De Loach 1993

Louis D. Dixon 1974

Hugh Donnelly 1947

Ellis Drake 1808

Egbert Ellison 1930

Gary P. Friedli 1998

Arnold W. Gilbert 1931

William B. Goodell 1863

William Halley 1976

George E. Hamilton 1931

John H. Heard 1932

Loy C. Henry 1934

John E. Hollingsworth 1984

John S. Howard 1913

Paul D. Ice 1995

Vincent D. Kaskeski 1978

John L. Kelly 1931

Alan J. Klumpp 1993

John M. Lacey 1977

Richard M. Latham 1984

Asa Marsh 1808

Timothy C. McCaghren 1990

Claude A. Medearis 1995

Glenn R. Miles, Sr. 1986

Daniel Miller 1810

Morley L. Miller 1984

Thomas S. Morris 1928

Thomas M. Murray 2001

Rollin C. Nichols 1933

Timothy M. O’Riordan 1964

John W. Parrott 1927

Kenneth P. Pierleoni 1971

Orville A. Preuster 1925

John F. Pugh 1918

Arthur B. Putnam 1908

Gaston Reddock 1918

Frank B. Robson 1896

Pedro J. Rodriguez 1998

Charles W. Rogers 1929

Daniel A. Romberger 1932

Robert S. Rumsey, Jr. 1922

George R. Saenz 1989

Harry L. Sexton 1934

George W. Singleton 1975

Joseph R. Sitters 1916

George J. Spencer 1981

Benjamin B. Stone 1957

Carl R. Talafous 1993

Fred Tate 1918

James D. Taylor 1987

Clarence J. Trask, Sr. 1947

Denis L. Van Patten 1980

Roger L. Von Amelunxen 1980

James A. Wallen 1923

Kenneth G. Ward 1979

Edward B. Webb 1926

Manuel Vll Zurita 1998

AGRICULTURE

John Fogel 1967

Clayton Iijima 1998

James Rozas 1985

Miroslav Sajovic 1973

Morley Suzuki 1998

Milton Wells 1966

Rick Yoshimitsu 1999

BORDER PATROL

Ralph L. Anderson 1968

George F. Azrak 1967

Michael W. Barnes 1996

Jefferson L. Barr 1996

John S. Blue 1973

Lee L. Bounds 1974

Michael T. Box 1950

William F. Buckelew 1954

James G. Burns 1968

Thomas K. Byrd 1983

Kenneth L. Carl 1961

James M. Carter 1956

Clarence M. Childress 1919

Frank N. Clark 1924

Richard D. Clarke 1950

Keith Connelly 1989

Jesus De La Ossa 1998

Augustin De La Pena 1925

Edwin C. Dennis 1974

Roberto J. Duran 2002

Earl F. Fleckinger 1945

Jose P. Gamez Jr. 1978

Charles Gardiner 1922

Ross A. Gardner 1925

Rene B. Garza 1999

Henley M. Goode Jr. 1969

Lester L. Haynie 1985

Robert J. Heibler 1941

Ned D. Henderson 1945

Eloy Hernandez 2002

Catherine M. Hill 2002

Elgar B. Holliday 1967

Charles L. Hopkins 1919

Charles F. Inch 1932

Daniel M. James Jr. 2001

Archie L. Jennings 1960

Friedrich Karl 1973

Donald Kee 1954

John D. Keenan 1989

Robert W. Kelsay 1930

James M. Kirchner 1954

Alexander Kirpnick 1998

Robert H. Lobdell 1928

Richard A. Lugo 1967

Xavier G. Magdaleno 1995

Josiah B. Mahar 1988

Miguel J. Maldonado Jr. 1997

James F. Mankin 1924

William D. McCalib 1930

John R. McCravey 1987

William W. McKee 1926

Doyne C. Melton 1933

Jose A. Nava 1995

Theodore L. Newton Jr. 1967

Victor C. Ochoa 1983

Anthony L. Oneto 1947

Walter S. Panchison 1998

Jason C. Panides 2001

Lon Parker 1926

Glen A. Phillips 1974

Thad Pippin 1927

George E. Pringle 1940

Ralph W. Ramsey 1942

John A. Rector 1956

Joseph P. Riley 1925

David F. Roberson 1989

Earl A. Roberts 1929

Susan L. Rodriguez 1998

Norman G. Ross 1928

Manuel Salcido Jr. 1985

Norman R. Salinas 1986

Ricardo G. Salinas 1998

Luis A. Santiago 1995

Miles J. Scannel 1929

Ivan E. Scotten 1929

Douglas C. Shute 1956

William L. Sills 1940

Weldon Smith 1979

Louis D. Stahl 1992

Stephen C. Starch 1997

Phillip D. Strobridge 1933

Stephen M. Sullivan 1999

Oscar T. Torres 1974

Aurelio E. Valencia 1996

Frank Vidmar Jr. 1932

Harry E. Vincent 1930

Bert G. Walthall 1933

Edwin H. Wheeler 1952

Joe R. White 1995

Thomas J. Williams 1998

Franklin P. Wood 1927

IMMIGRATION

Alphonse G. Bernard 1920

Frank E. Chaffin 1946

Tommy K. Chin 1999

Jacques A. F. Crevecoeur 1984

Lawrence E. Dotten 1930

Albert Feld 1974

Charles M. Flachs 1936

Lawrence C. Jones 1930

Marion J. Jones 1946

George D. Joyce 1949

James McCabe 1923

Frank Mendoza 1968

Anthony S. Minetto 1997

Juan Gilbert Orellana 1998

William H. Phillips 1970

Roy M. Porter 1939

David Schwartz 1978

Russell L. Stapp 1954

Martin J. Travers 1975

U.S. CUSTOMS AND BORDER PROTECTION

Travis W. Attaway 2004

Julio E. Baray 2007

Eric N. Cabral 2007

George B. DeBates 2004

James P. Epling 2003

Richard M. Goldstein 2007

Nicholas D. Greenig 2006

Ramon Nevarez 2007

Robert Smith 2007

Clint B. Thrasher 2007

David Tourscher 2007

David N. Webb 2006

Jeremy M. Wilson 2004